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"JEWISH RITUAL TRENDS" SERMON TOPIC; PASSOVER OBSERVANCE BEGINS APRIL 11

"Trends in Jewish Ritual," as revealed by the *New Haggadah* published by the Reconstructionist Foundation, will be Rabbi Steinberg's sermon topic this Friday evening, April 4. What is happening with Jewish forms of observance? What policies ought to be adopted with regard to them?

In the *New Haggadah* there is to be found an interesting combination of traditionalism and modernity which to Rabbi Steinberg appears the ideal approach to the whole complicated issue of Jewish ritual. On the basis of this work Rabbi Steinberg will attempt to present a philosophy and a tactic for Jewish observance.

Passover Services

The Passover festival this year begins on Friday evening, April 11. For that reason there will be no late Friday evening service on that evening. Worship will take place at 6 o'clock, thus permitting the congregation to attend sedarim in their homes. The hours of services for the festival are as follows: Friday and Saturday evening, April 11 and 12—6 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday morning, April 12 and 13—9 a.m.

Latter Passover Days

Thursday and Friday evenings, April 17 and 18—6 p.m.; Friday and Saturday mornings, April 18 and 19—9 a.m. Memorial Services will be read on the last day of Passover. A card is enclosed so that you may have the names of your departed included in the rituals of memorialization.

Haggadah Available

Make certain to inspect the *New Haggadah* on inspection in the office of the Synagogue. You will thrill to its balance between traditionalism and modernity. Copies are 65c each and are procurable either from Miss Robinson at the Synagogue office or from Mrs. Milton Heller.

Astor Roof Site of Sisterhood Luncheon Musicale

The Astor Roof will be the site of Sisterhood's biggest affair of the year—it's better-than-ever annual musicale and luncheon. Wednesday at 11 o'clock, May 7, is The Day. Proceeds of the affair are to be turned over to Sisterhood's Overseas and Home Relief Funds.

"Big names, big entertainment, and a big time for all," announces Mrs. Benjamin Sack, chairman of the event, referring, of course, to the celebrated guest artists who are to perform. Members of the congregation, their guests and affiliated groups are urged to make early reservations since places will be set aside as requests are received. Inquiries should be addressed to Mrs. William Karmiol, 400 East 58 Street, chairman of tickets.

Souvenir Journal

An important feature of the occasion will be a sparkling Souvenir Journal. Space is available for messages of goodwill as well as business advertisements in the "Patronize our Advertiser's" section. It will be gracious to have the names of children on the pages set aside for them.

Mrs. Jules Mendel, chairman of Journal, will answer all inquiries relating to it.

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CALENDAR of EVENTS



Friday, April 4

Service—8:30 p.m.

Oneg Shabbat in Vestry

Saturday, April 5

Morning Service—9:30 a.m.

Junior Congregation Service—
10:30 a.m.

Sunday, April 6

Sunday School Classes—9:45 a.m.
Practice Seder in Vestry

Monday, April 7

Red Cross Group—10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Adult Classes—7:30 to 10 p.m.
Choral Group—8 p.m.

Tuesday, April 8

Sisterhood Board meeting—1 p.m.
Senior League meeting—8:30 p.m.

Friday, April 11

Service—6 p.m.
Communal Seder—7:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 12

Morning Service—9 a.m.
Junior Congregation Service
—10:30 a.m.
Evening Service—6 p.m.

Sunday, April 13

Morning Service—9 a.m.
Junior Congregation Service
—10:30 a.m.
No Sunday School classes

Monday, April 14

Red Cross Group—10 to 4 p.m.
Choral Group—8 p.m.

Tuesday, April 15

Book and Play Review Group
—11 a.m.

Rabbi Zimet to Preside At Communal Seder

As the result of a very encouraging response to the last issue of THE SCROLL, the Communal Seder for Friday evening, April 11, Rabbi Zimet has announced, will definitely take place. Reservations are still being accepted at \$2 per person. The *New Haggadah* will be used and Rabbi Erwin Zimet will preside.

As it was last year, the occasion is under the auspices of the Emigre Group of our congregation. All readers of THE SCROLL are invited to make their reservations immediately. No reservations will be accepted after Friday, April 4.

Book Review Group Meets April 1

Due to a delay in publishing the text of Moss Hart's play, *Lady in the Dark*, Rabbi Steinberg at the next meeting of the Book and Play Review Group will discuss in its stead Marquand's best selling novel of the contemporary Puritan, *H. M. Pulham, Esquire*.

In association with this novel, he will treat also with the Pulitzer prize winning book by the same author, *The Late George Apley*. These two books of the New England personality in its disintegration are both excellent reporting and fine social criticism.

The review of *Lady in the Dark* will therefore be held over most likely until Tuesday, April 15, the date of the next meeting of the Book and Play Review Series. The hour of these meetings is 11 o'clock. Single admissions are available at 50c.

Service Music

The program of service music for the Fridays of March 28 and April 4 is as follows:

Ma Tovu	Sulzer
L'cho Dodi	Kornitzer
Borchu }	
Shma }	F. v.d. Stucken
Mi Chomocho	Saminsky
V'shomru	Schnipelisky
May the Words.....	Grauman
Kiddush	Engel
Vaanachnu	Stark

Temple Tid-Bits . . .

by FAY P. WIENER

PURIM PARTY PATTER: The celebration of Haman's swinging left us with a hangover for a few days, but we're back in the groove again . . . Where did Dr. Leo Cipes learn to dance that torrid rhumba numba? . . . Mrs. Israel Oseas arriving just in time for the show after chairmanning a Hadassah Purim Party . . . Our positive assertion to the guests of the Louis Vogels that Fred Finn would be along any minute, and then discovering that Mr. Finn was west-coasting it in California . . . A multitude of pulchritude —Mrs. Joseph H. Katz, Mrs. Ralph Heymsfeld, Mrs. Joseph Weinstein, Mrs. Jules Haft; Mrs. Ruby Katz . . . The Bernard Prenskys taking plenty bows for their contribution . . . The muchly dated and feted S. S. Wolfsons anchoring with us for the evening . . . **SHE'S A GREAT CARD:** Mrs. Julius Daub making the headlines for the brilliant defensive play of her hand, reaching the semi-finals in the nationally famous bridge tournament . . . **HAVE YOU SEEN IT?** Rabbi Steinberg's essay, "To Be or Not To Be a Jew" in Louis Adamic's new magazine "Common Ground", which is being recommended as a Must Reading for every American Jew by prominent Jewish newspaper commentators . . . **COMEDY OF ERRORS:** Our sexton, Mortimer D. Millheiser, laughing good-naturedly at the inclusion of his name in the "Christian Consumers Guide", published by the American Destiny Party . . . **CELEBRATING A MATING:** The Samuel Kleins are commemorating their 25 years of wedded bliss by plane-ing to California and thence to Hawaii. We know they're going to have a Honey-Lulu of a time . . . **FRIDAY NIGHT CHIT-CHAT:**

Adult Class Begins New Theme

With the meeting on April 7 and continuing through the remaining sessions of the Spring semester, the major lecture course of the Adult Classes, which has been devoted to the topic of "Jewish Personalities Who Have Influenced Civilization", will turn to a discussion of the Jewish contribution to social theory and practice.

The first meeting will be devoted to the Jewish influence on the rise of Capitalism and Imperialism, with special reference to the Rothschilds and Disraeli.

The lectures, while arranged in sequence to form a unit, are presented as individual topics so that those who have not attended the entire series may without difficulty participate in any one meeting which by its theme especially interests them.

The large group of theological students from Moravia College, Bethlehem, Pa., who are studying for the ministry, and whose knowledge of the Hebrew language astounded us . . . We're pixilated with pride because a peach of a speech-maker, Gisela Warburg, is a Park Avenue Synagoguer . . . Cantor Puttermann's witticism following the terribly unfair weather we've had on successive Friday Nights, and which played havoc with the attendance at worship—"God must be anti-semitic" . . . **SISTERHOOD'S BIRTHDAY PARTY:** Our impression on hearing Sisterhood's Song-Bird, Mrs. Edward Peiper, for the first time—an oomph girl with swell sound effects . . . Mrs. Frederick W. Greenfield and daughter—a piano team that lets off steam! . . . A bouquet of okays to Mrs. Milton Heller and her hostesses for a party that should make Elsa Maxwell green with envy . . . **CONDOLENCES OF THE CONGREGATION:** To Mrs. Henry Brand on the loss of her father . . . To Drs. Charles I. and Arthur I. Stoloff on the loss of their mother . . . To Dr. Charles Brendler on the loss of his mother. To Murray Gillette on the loss of his sister.

News of Happenings In the Religious School

The third Parent-Teachers Association meeting was combined with a special school service in honor of the induction of the third year class to the study of the Bible in the original on Sunday, March 30. William Putterman and Sanford Hahn officiated as Cantor and Rabbi, respectively.

The following children were honored in the ceremony: Leonard Balaban, Hillel Black, David Galler, Bernard Joffe, Franklin Picker, Lawrence Meltzer, Harry Schwarz, Ruth Weissbart, Robin W. Gilbert and Elaine Wiener.

The second part of the meeting was given over to an explanation of the Passover Seder rituals and a discussion of the new elements in the Reconstructionist *Haggadah*.

The special Keren Ami drive for Aid in Vitamins to the children of China, Great Britain, Greece and Palestine, to which the proceeds of the Purim Carnival were donated, amounted to \$40. The Keren Ami collections of the two Sundays before Passover will be used to help provide Passover necessities for needy Jewish families in this neighborhood.

Junior Congregation

The pupils of Class 6Y were hosts in the Junior Congregation service on Saturday, March 22. Harry Schwarz and Franklin Picker directed the service. The following week children of Class 4 acted as hosts.

The Junior Congregation will conduct special Passover services on Saturday and Sunday morning, April 12 and 13. All Jewish children are invited.

The annual Practice Seder of the Religious School will be held on Sunday morning, April 6, in the Vestry Rooms. Bernard Joffe will direct the Seder service. Selected pupils of the Hebrew School and Sunday School will read the *Haggadah* prayers.

During the Seder, the Dramatic Club will give several sketches and the Dancing Club will present a symbolic dance. All parents are invited to witness the Seder.

Coteries to Hold Carnival For Youth Aliyah Benefit

The Coteries are planning to hold their biggest affair since their founding—their second Annual Carnival on April 19.

This year's Carnival will be motivated by an Oriental theme. Back again will be novel and interesting booths. As an added attraction, a Revue will be presented by members of the three groups. The curtain time will be 8:30. The admission price will be 25 cents and the proceeds will go to the Youth Aliyah. The entire congregation, old and young, are invited to attend.

The committee is under the co-chairmanship of Louis Heller and Hortense Levy. Irwin Ginsberg is in charge of the booths and Burt Kleinberg is supervising the Revue. Other committee members are Grace Ann Horowitz, Steve Weiss, Phyllis Sack, Florence Green, Betty Ann Marquith and Janice Neuman.

Sisterhood Flashes

Sisterhood's Birthday Party was once again a huge success, due mainly to the untiring efforts of Mrs. Milton Heller and her committee, who gave to us a day long to be remembered.

We have again been called upon to take an active part in the United Appeal Drive. Mrs. Fred Hirsch has accepted chairmanship of the Women's Division for the Park Avenue Synagogue. She has selected a very capable committee to assist her.

If you send your donation direct to the headquarters, and do not make it through the committee, please mention the name of the Synagogue.

Mogen David Club News

A discussion of the recent Rumanian pogrom featured the last meeting of the Mogen David Young Judea Club. Those present concluded that while American Jews should help those suffering in other countries, they should try to safeguard American Jewry, both for their own sakes and for those who are migrating to the United States.